

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1                    1.     A fastener comprising:  
2                                a shaft,  
3                                a head at a first end of the shaft, and  
4                                a point at the other end of the shaft,  
5                                a first portion of the shaft adjacent the point being threaded, and extending  
6                    about one-half the total length of the shaft, and  
7                                a second portion of the shaft adjacent the head not being threaded, said  
8                    second portion having a plurality of spaced rings.

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10                    2.     The fastener of claim 1 comprising a knurled portion between said first  
11                    and second portions.

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13                    3.     The fastener of claim 1 wherein said first portion has asymmetrical  
14                    threads.

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16                    4.     The fastener of claim 1 wherein said first portion has threads having three  
17                    radial lobes.

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19                    5.     The fastener of claim 1 comprising three said rings, wherein said rings are  
20                    unequally spaced with respect to each other.

1                   6.       The fastener of claim 1 wherein said shaft has a total length TL from an  
2 inside surface of said head to said point, the fastener comprising three of said rings, a first of said  
3 rings being located about .23 TL from said inside surface, a second of said rings being located  
4 about .16 TL from said inside surface, and a third of said rings being located about .07 TL from  
5 said inside surface.

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7                   7.       The fastener of claim 1 comprising three said rings, wherein said rings  
8 are equally spaced with respect to each other.

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10                  8.       The fastener of claim 1 wherein said shaft has a total length TL from an  
11 inside surface of said head to said point, the fastener comprising three of said rings, a first of said  
12 rings being located about .13 TL from said inside surface, a second of said rings being located  
13 about .08 TL from said inside surface, and a third of said rings being located about .04 TL from  
14 said inside surface.